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<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 a.m. 9:40 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	<b>May 21</b> Morning Worship Coffee and doughnuts in FH Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship Volunteer VBS Lunch Lucia Rehearsal Newcomers' Cookout
<b>Monday,</b> 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>May 22</b> Prayer Group Pacesetters
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:30 p.m.	<b>May 23</b> Church Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday,</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>May 24</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday-Sunday,</b>	<b>May 26 - 28</b> Lake Lodge & Pavilion Reserved
<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 a.m. 9:40 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	<b>May 28</b> Morning Worship Coffee and doughnuts in FH Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship Lucia Rehearsal
<b>Monday,</b> Memorial Day	<b>May 29</b> Church Office Closed Come enjoy the lake!
<b>Wednesday,</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>May 31</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday,</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>June 1</b> Lucia Send-off Concert
<b>Friday –Tuesday ,</b>	<b>June 2 - 6</b> Lucia Tour in Charleston

**Graduation Sunday will be held on June 11th.**

If you wish your graduate to be recognized, email Nichole or Traci by May 31 with the student's full name, the school from which they are graduating, and their future plans.

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May 21—June 3, 2017

Thank you for another beautiful, rewarding season of performances for *Concerts with a Cause*. As we wrap the 13<sup>th</sup> season of CWC, thank you for your work, your financial generosity, and your vision which makes this concert series happen for our community.

The idea of *Concerts with a Cause*—to bring the world's finest musicians to Augusta and to donate funds to local charities at the same time—was born in 2003 when St. John installed the new Dobson organ. We dreamed of sharing this new instrument over the course of a season with the Augusta community. At the end of that first season, the charitable contributions and the enthusiasm of our audiences surprised us. We decided the concerts should continue.

Since 2003, CWC has contributed \$179,005 to 50 local charitable organizations. The contributions of donors like you paid for the series, making it possible to send 100 percent of the freewill offerings given at the concerts to local nonprofits.

Let's thank some of the people who helped make this happen:

Clara Claussen and her team of hospitality experts have provided gracious, delicious and beautiful receptions for our guests. She plans to retire from this full-time position now, so here's a shout-out for Clara and her team as they take a bow and receive our gratitude: Anna Butler, Rita Channell, Katherine Crook, Ann Dasher, Linda Gordy, Libby Hargrove, Becky Moon, Mary Ottinger.

Thank you, everyone, who gave to the budget for CWC this year. Your gifts are amazingly generous. It is a miracle that year after year we always have just what we need. These patrons are listed in each program, but I thank Pat and Kathy DeLoach who were erroneously omitted from the last program. Thank you, all givers.

Our Advisory Board selects the "causes" annually, and they offer valuable wisdom at every juncture. The 2016-17 advisors were Clara Claussen, Nesbit Dasher, Sandy Hobbs, Shell Knox, Mary Ottinger, Kelly Thomas, Charlie Tudor.

Let's also thank the greeters and ushers who welcome us to concerts. We thank Hale House volunteers who set up. We thank Bobby James for sound, Ed McCranie for photography, nursery workers and many others for all kinds of help whenever needed. It is a joyous process!

And now, I thank you in advance for the coming season, which will be announced soon. Plan to join us for the first concert, the Raleigh Ringers – rock stars of the handbell world. They will amaze you. That's August 27. ~Jamie C. Garvey

### Worship Service

May 21, 2017

Sermon: Love and Obey

Sermon Scripture: John 14:15-21  
Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22

### Worship Service

May 28, 2017

Sermon: Jesus is Praying for You

Sermon Scripture: John 17:1-11  
Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

### Sun, Sand, and Sparkling Water!



St. John Lake Property

Don't head to the coast; come on out to St. John's lake property. Swimming, picnicking, camping, fishing, BBQ area, and lodge rental available.

Members are welcome to use the property at any time. You may pick up a gate key and restroom key for personal use from the church office. Please review the guidelines for lake site use on our church webpage, [www.stjohnaugusta.org](http://www.stjohnaugusta.org), under the programs tab.

Please be aware that groups sometimes rent out the pavilion or lodge, but you may still visit the property. For member camping or multi-day use, please reserve the dates by contacting the church office.

Many families will be heading to the lake for Memorial Day fun. There is no official church gathering; however, the property will be open for your enjoyment. Come on out!

### PACESETTER MEETING

Monday - May 22nd - 11:00 AM - Fellowship Hall.

We are happy to have the PRIMETIME SINGERS from Trinity UMC as our guests and entertainment this month. Join us as these awesome seniors spread the gospel through song. You will fondly remember your favorite patriotic songs, hymns, folk songs and southern states medley (Georgia on my Mind).

You won't be able to resist singing along. Invite your friends, especially those who need a special blessing!

Lunch following the meeting - \$7.00 - for those wishing to stay.

### Our Prayers

Students Abroad, Emily Calhoun, Jay Dennis, Shirley Bohling, David and Hildred Allard, Glenn Markle, Gary DeMore, The Hale House, New Bethlehem Community Center, The Stith Mead House, Military at home and deployed overseas, and the troubled corners of our world.

#### Sunday

May 21

Preaching The Reverend Dr. Jody Alderman  
Liturgist Allen Smith, 9 a.m.  
Patty Strickland, 11 a.m.  
Lay Reader Rich Laschober, 9 a.m.  
Jamie Grant, 11 a.m.  
Ushers Ronald Strom, 9 a.m.  
Marion Butler, Lead Usher; Russell Blanchard,  
Don Gordon, Susan Gordon, Colin G. Gordy,  
Paul Greenway, Phil Hargrove, Warren Spooner; 11 a.m.  
Acolyte Aiden Grant  
Crucifer Sam Tudor  
Offering Counters Chip Matson and Becky Rogers  
Sound Technicians Ronald and Donna Strom, 9 a.m.  
Bobby James, 11 a.m.

#### Sunday

May 28

Preaching The Reverend Dr. Jody Alderman  
Liturgist Allen Smith, 9 a.m.  
Lee Herndon, 11 a.m.  
Lay Reader Allen Smith, 9 a.m.  
Kimberly West, 11 a.m.  
Ushers Frank Fidler, 9 a.m.  
Marion Butler, Lead Usher; Russell Blanchard;  
Don Gordon; Susan Gordon; Colin G. Gordy;  
Paul Greenway; Phil Hargrove; Warren Spooner; 11 a.m.  
Acolyte Cooper Kight  
Crucifer Catherine Blanchard  
Offering Counters Charlie Tudor and Libby Hargrove  
Sound Technicians Rich Laschober, 9 a.m.  
Carol Capers, 11 a.m.

### Simply Grateful

A program of choral music with strings,  
celebrating our blessings in this world.

Thursday night, June 1, 7:30 in our sanctuary.

In a send-off concert for their Charleston performance, Lucia collaborates with a string quartet for beautiful music for grateful hearts.

### HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

**Bless This House:** In honor of Joan & Charles Piercy by Thomas & Erika Doster.

**Wesley Woods:** In memory of Bessie Lee Fisher by Bob & Sally Fisher. In memory of Sallie Harrington Atkinson by Bob & Sally Fisher. In memory of Roberta Strickland by Curt & Patty Strickland.



We look forward to seeing all volunteers Sunday May 21 for an information meeting after 11 a.m. worship. Lunch included. Help will be needed before, during the week of June 12, and after. There are so many small, but important,

ways you can serve the children of St. John and our community. RSVP to Erika Doster. 706-814-0090.

Our theme is on the Fruits of the Spirit! Registration details coming soon. Check our website for updates.

### Get connected!

Do you know there are multiple ways to receive and share information about our church happenings?

Our church website provides a lot of information on our programs, mission, history, and staff. [www.stjohnaugusta.org](http://www.stjohnaugusta.org)

For quick internet links and info, sign up for our weekly e-newsletter! Email [ntkuehl@stjohnaugusta.org](mailto:ntkuehl@stjohnaugusta.org)

For updates on prayer concerns and important information, sign up for our group email list. Email [roberta.wilder@gmail.com](mailto:roberta.wilder@gmail.com)

Share pictures and find last minute needs or updates on our Facebook group for members. Search 'St. John UMC Augusta Members' and ask to join

Like and Follow our public Facebook page! Search 'St. John UMC Augusta'

To help document or share things with our church family, use hashtag #stjohnaugusta when you post or Instagram or tweet

Have ideas to help with the communication needs at our church? Contact Nichole!



### Register for Choir Camp online!

Monday, July 10th – Sunday July 16th!

Rising 2nd – 9th graders.

Details online at [www.stjohnaugusta.org/music/choir-camp](http://www.stjohnaugusta.org/music/choir-camp)